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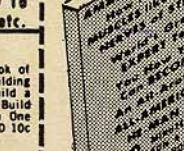
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NYOKA the JUNGLE GIRL

and
**THE MISSION
OF MYSTERY!**

A THREE-PART SERIAL

PART I - LAND OF DANGER



From the time Nyoka, famed jungle girl, and her fiance, Larry Grayson, embark on **THE MISSION OF MYSTERY**, every moment is filled with unseen danger and constant peril! There's mounting excitement as the two veterans of the jungle valiantly fight for their lives and the solution of the perplexing enigma!



YOU FOOL! YOU CAN'T STEAL THESE TREASURES FROM ME! I'VE SENT BACK A DESCRIPTION OF EVERY PIECE TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM! YOU CAN GET ME, BUT IF YOU TRIED TO SELL EVEN THE SMALLEST OBJECT, YOU'D BE THROWN IN JAIL!

I KNOW THAT---



---BUT I'VE GOT A PLAN WORKED OUT AND YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME.

(ULP) OKAY, MACE, YOU'VE GOT THE UPPER HAND NOW!



GOOD! WHEN WE GET TO BUKATOWN, YOU'RE GOING TO SEND ONE PIECE AT A TIME TO YOUR FAMILY IN THE STATES TO SELL AND SEND THE MONEY BACK HERE TO YOU! THEY'LL SEE YOUR HANDWRITING AND WON'T THINK ANYTHING'S WRONG! AFTER EVERYTHING IS SOLD, AND I'VE GOT ALL THE MONEY, I'LL LET YOU GO!



WEEKS LATER, IN THE STATES--

I'VE CALLED YOU, NYOKA, BECAUSE I'M TERRIBLY WORRIED ABOUT MY HUSBAND, PROFESSOR DIGGES!

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD FROM HIM RECENTLY?



HE WRITES TO ME EVERY WEEK FROM BUKATOWN AND THAT'S WHAT ALARMS ME! IN EACH LETTER HE SENDS HIS REGARDS TO HIS AUNT PRISCILLA! BUT HE HASN'T ANY AUNT PRISCILLA! I'M AFRAID SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIS SANITY!

I DOUBT THAT! I THINK HE'S IN TROUBLE AND THAT'S HIS WAY OF TELLING YOU!



I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT, NYOKA! AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE'S SENT HOME RELICS FOR ME TO SELL WITH ORDERS TO SEND THE MONEY BACK TO

THAT MAKES ME CERTAIN THERE'S DIRTY WORK GOING ON! MRS. DIGGES, MY FIANCÉ, LARRY, HAS HIS OWN PLANE! WE'LL FLY THERE IMMEDIATELY AND LOOK INTO THIS!



NYOKA AND LARRY LOSE NO TIME FLYING TO AFRICA, AND IN A FEW DAYS---

WE'VE MADE BUKATOWN, OKAY, NYOKA! THIS IS WHERE PROFESSOR DIGGES' LETTERS HAVE BEEN COMING FROM!

RIGHT, LARRY! OUR NEXT STEP IS TO LOOK HIM UP! LET'S GO!





DAVY TO THE RESCUE!

MOVIES

**BOYS! GIRLS!
LADIES! MEN!**

WE GIVE YOU CASH
OR PREMIUMS!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
THAT DAVY CRICKET IS
ROUGH ON INJUNS!

THANKS FOR SAVING ME FROM THOSE BULLIES, DAVY!

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MAIL COUPON
GET BIG CATALOG
Candid Cameras with carry/

YEAH - LET'S GIVE UP
DID YA BEING INJUNS AND SENI
HEAR IN THAT COUPON SO WE
THAT CAN EARN SOME SWELL
GANG?! PREMIUMS TOO!

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THAT NIGHT AT LARRY'S WINDOW



ONE GOOD CLOUT
ON HIS COTTON PICKIN'
HEAD OUGHTA DO IT!



SOON... AT NYOKA'S DOOR.

A LITTLE OIL WILL QUIET THIS
OLD LOCK AND IT'LL OPEN
EASILY!

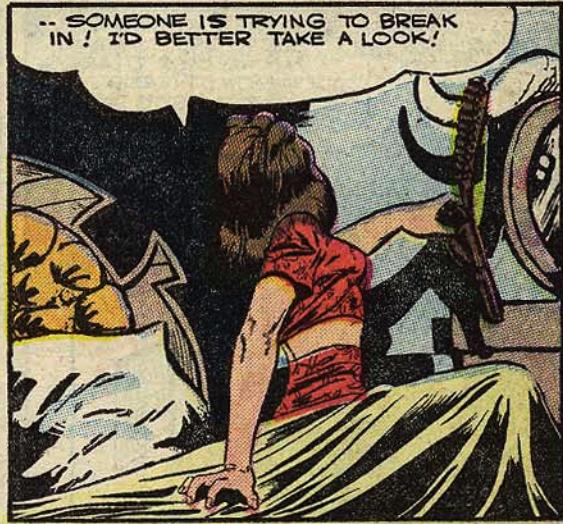


INSIDE NYOKA'S ROOM--

WHAT'S THAT NOISE ---?
AT THE DOOR!...



-- SOMEONE IS TRYING TO BREAK
IN! I'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK!



OH! SOMEONE WAS THERE--
HE'S RUNNING AWAY!



AS JEFF MACE RACED DOWN THE HALL...

MISSSED HIM... HE'S
GETTING AWAY!



I WONDER WHAT HE
WANTED? I'D BETTER
SEE LARRY AND TELL
HIM WHAT HAPPENED!

MEANWHILE, IN LARRY'S ROOM--

SOMETHING IS WRONG! HE
DOESN'T ANSWER! I'D BETTER
USE THE WINDOW! HOPE I'M
NOT TOO LATE!





NYOKA

AND THE MISSION OF MYSTERY

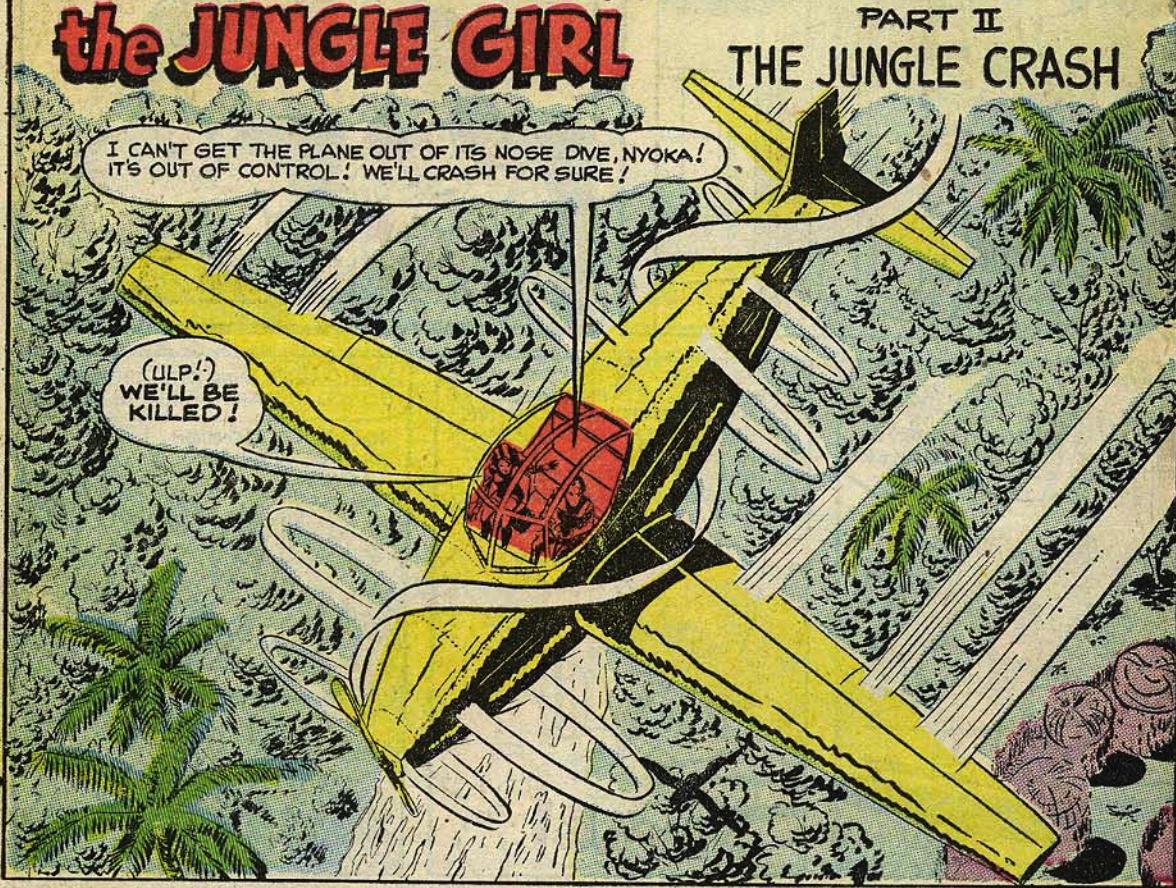
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PART II

THE JUNGLE CRASH

I CAN'T GET THE PLANE OUT OF ITS NOSE DIVE, NYOKA!
IT'S OUT OF CONTROL! WE'LL CRASH FOR SURE!

(ULP!)
WE'LL BE
KILLED!



I'M AFRAID THIS IS THE END!



LOOK! STRANGE BIRD!

IT FLY LIKE WIND TO GROUND!
RUN!

IT GIANT BIRD!
BIRD OF EVIL!



LOOK, THERE'S A CLEARING! IF THERE WAS SOME WAY I COULD RIGHT THIS PLANE, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO LAND THERE! BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

NO USE KIDDING OURSELVES! DON'T SAY THAT, LARRY! TRY THE IMPOSSIBLE IF THERE'S NO OTHER WAY! NEVER GIVE UP!

HEARTENED BY NYOKA'S ENCOURAGING WORDS, LARRY TRIES WITH ALL HIS SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE TO GET THE PLANE UNDER CONTROL--

YOU DID IT, LARRY! YOU LANDED THE PLANE PERFECTLY!

PHEW! IT WAS JUST LUCK, NYOKA!

THE MOTOR WAS PERFECT YESTERDAY! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WENT WRONG! I'M GOING TO TAKE A LOOK!



BUT AS LARRY ENTERS THE VILLAGE--

ME SEE HIM! HE FROM GIANT BIRD
OF EVIL ME TELL YOU ABOUT!
GRAB!



(GULP) THEY THINK I'M HERE
TO HARM THEM!

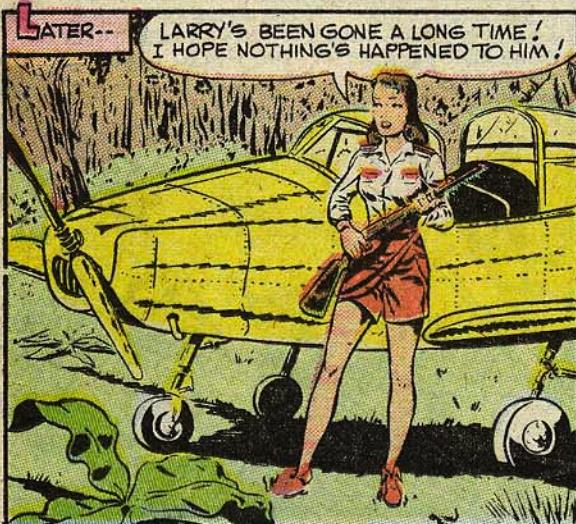


I'D BETTER GET
---OOF! NO GET
AWAY!



LATER--

LARRY'S BEEN GONE A LONG TIME!
I HOPE NOTHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM!



HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN BACK BY NOW! I'M GOING
TO FOLLOW HIS TRAIL AND FIND OUT IF HE'S
ALL RIGHT!



MEANWHILE--



THE DANCE WAS DONE
THE SENTENCE PASSED!

DEATH!



I GUESS THIS IS IT, FOR
ME — I HOPE NYOKA
GETS AWAY! THEY'D
FINISH HER TOO!

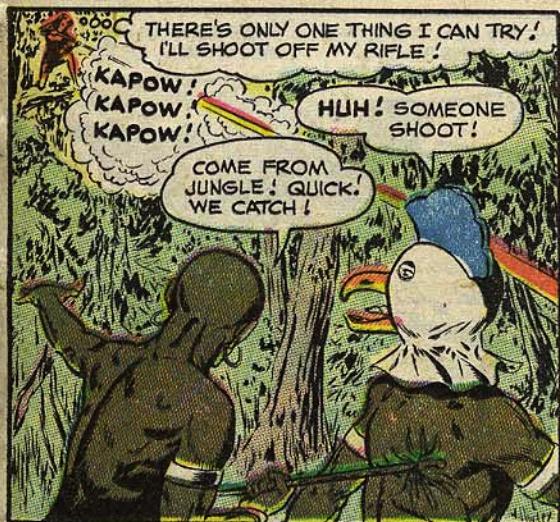


AT THAT MOMENT...

(GULP) THERE'S LARRY!
HE'S BEEN CAPTURED BY
HOSTILE NATIVES.

BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!

THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE! I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM!
BUT HOW? IF I RUSH UP TO SET HIM FREE, THEY'LL
STOP ME AND HE'LL DIE IN THE MEANTIME!





Now! The Amazing Facts about

Baldness

...AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT



The following facts are brought to the attention of the public because of a widespread belief that nothing can be done about hair loss. This belief has no basis in medical fact. Worse, it has condemned many men and women to needless baldness by their neglect to treat certain accepted causes of hair loss.

There are six principal types of hair loss, or *alopecia*, as it is known in medical terms:

1. Alopecia from diseases of the scalp
2. Alopecia from other diseases or from an improper functioning of the body
3. Alopecia of the aged (senile baldness)
4. Alopecia areata (loss of hair in patches)
5. Alopecia of the young (premature baldness)
6. Alopecia at birth (congenital baldness)

Senile, premature and congenital alopecia cannot be helped by anything now known to modern science. Alopecia from improper functioning of the body requires the advice and treatment of your family physician.

BUT MANY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVE A SPECIFIC SCALP DISEASE IS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF HAIR LOSS.

This disease is called Seborrhea and can be broadly classified into two clinical forms with the following symptoms:

1. DRY SEBORRHEA: The hair is dry, lifeless, and without gloss. A dry flaky dandruff is usually present with accompanying itchiness. Hair loss is considerable and increases with the progress of this disease.

2. OILY SEBORRHEA: The hair and scalp are oily and greasy. The hair is slightly sticky to the touch and has a tendency to mat together. Dandruff takes the form of head scales. Scalp is usually itchy. Hair loss is severe with baldness as the end result.

Many doctors agree that to NEGLECT these symptoms of DRY and OILY SEBORRHEA is to INVITE BALDNESS.

Seborrhea is believed to be caused by three germ organisms — *staphylococcus albus*, *pytrosporum ovale*, and *acnes bacillus*.

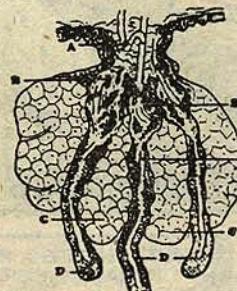
These germs attack the sebaceous gland causing an abnormal working of this fat gland. The hair follicle, completely surrounded by the enlarged diseased sebaceous gland, then begins to atrophy. The hair produced becomes smaller and smaller until the hair follicle dies. Baldness is the inevitable result. (See illustration.)

But seborrhea can be controlled, particularly in its early stages. The three germ organisms believed to cause seborrhea, can and should be eliminated before they destroy your normal hair growth.

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DESTRUCTION OF HAIR FOLLICLES Caused By Seborrhea

A — Dead hairs; B — Hair-destroying bacteria; C — Hypertrophied sebaceous glands; D — Atrophic follicles.

A Few of the Many Grateful Expressions By Users of Comate Medicinal Formula

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"Your hair formula got rid of my dandruff; my head does not itch any more. I think it is the best of all of the formulas I have used." —E.E., Hamilton, Ohio.

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"I do want to say that just within five days I have obtained a great improvement in my hair. I do want to thank you and the Comate Laboratories for producing such a wonderful and amazing formula." —M.M., Johnstown, Pa.

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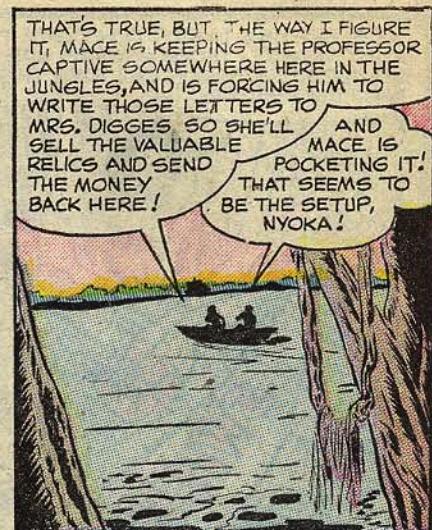
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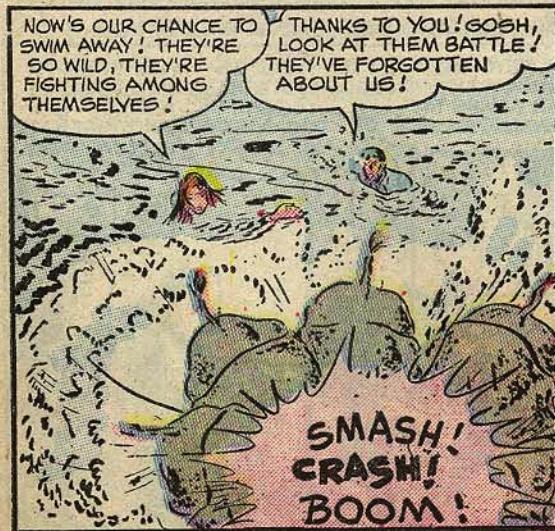
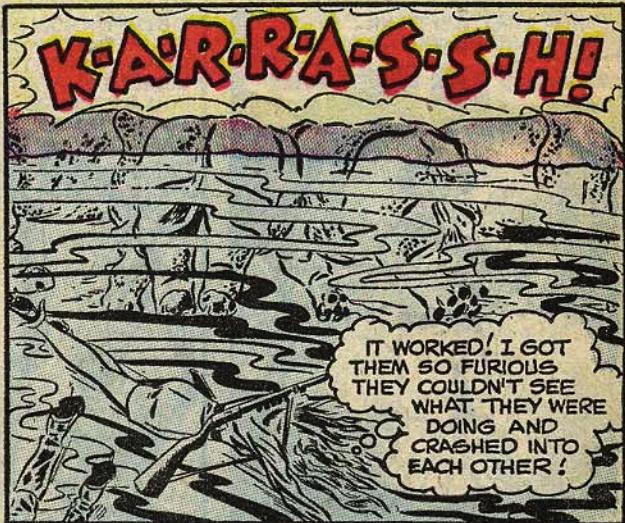
PART III

THE WATERY GRAVE











The Two-Headed Fly of the Jungle

DURING the past two months I have received thousands of letters from people all over the country. And every one of them wants to know the same thing, "Who was responsible for your trip to the Jungles of the Belgian Congo?" Never mind what you read about it in the newspapers or heard over the radio. This is the truth and only the truth.

For the past five years, I, Joseph Blake, have been star pitcher of the Leadville Nine. I admit that our baseball team never was a runner up in the big league. Nobody seemed to worry or care whether or not we won a pennant. Back in the late 1890's, Hiram Wolsey died and left his entire estate in trust for the creation of a baseball team in the city of Leadville. Once you got a job on that team, you could stay there until you died according to the terms of the will.

On that particular Thursday afternoon, I was sitting down in the dugout with Manager Bucky Burns. That tall thin faced hound who ran the team was mad. "Boy, oh boy," he exclaimed. "Makes me mad when I read about other baseball teams. Here we are the richest group in the world and most of the U. S. doesn't even know we exist." On the other side of me was fat bald headed Pat Gurley, our publicity manager. "What we need," said Pat, "is something that will make the country sit up." Then pointing to me he added, "Joe is a star pitcher, but that's all. We ought to send him to the Jungles in Africa and make him a big name."

There it is, folks, that is exactly how the idea started. The next day Pat took me down to the Museum of Science and Exploration. There I met Dr. Morton Henderson, the head of that place of learning and stuffed mummies. He was a small gray haired man, with a cute goatee and thick eyeglasses. "Mr. Gurley," he said, "Your idea of an expedi-

tion to the Belgian Congo is wonderful. Hundreds of men do it every year and bring back the regulation number of elephants, buffalo, lions, leopards, hippopotami, rhinoceros, crocodiles, and other inhabitants of the territory. But it doesn't make the headlines. Let Mr. Blake bring home a two-headed Ltze Fly that lives in the Belgian Congo, and he will become famous in Scientific Circles. Naturally, it will reflect glory on your baseball team."

I was about to tell the learned doctor and Pat to jump into the ocean, when the doctor's daughter, Edna appears on the scene. With that head of red hair, those brown eyes and dimple, she was something. "Africa for me," was my answer. Then I dated Edna up for that evening. The next two weeks while they were getting things ready for my trip to Africa, I saw Edna every afternoon and every evening. I asked her to marry me. She accepted, with one condition. "You must go to Africa and bring back a two-headed Ltze Fly. You see the board of trustees at the museum are hesitating about renewing dad's contract. It isn't a question of money, because we are well off. Just pride. You get that fly, darling, and we'll be married the same day."

I flew to New York City and there at La Guardia field was a special plane to take me to the Belgian Congo. I was excited but managed to fall asleep. Which was about all you could do in that plane. Finally, the stewardess notified me we soon would be landing at a place called Zomanga. I peeped out of the window and saw hundreds of natives, each armed with a shield and spear, and decorated with nice white paint. They were dancing. "Greeting Committee from the Chamber of Commerce of Zomanga," the stewardess informed me.

When I stepped out of the plane, the natives shouted themselves hoarse. A big

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seven footer came up to me and chanted, "N'beta, LaGeezer, Goser." "Too bad you don't speak English," I sort of sneered. "I do, bud, I do," was the snappy comeback. "But for the regulation three dollars a day and board, my gang is putting on this show for you and any camera men that may be handy."

I was escorted to a big hut and there my guide, Larry McPherson greeted me. He was a fat middle aged fellow who was sitting in a chair and fanning himself. "Hi Joe, what do you know?" was his first words to me. Then he pointed to a box of baseballs. "Give these out to the native kids. They all got your autograph on them already. Make good publicity stuff for the team."

The next day we started through the jungles. There were three gun-bearers who were always in back of me. "Why can't I hold one of the guns?" I innocently inquired. You should have seen the look of contempt on McPherson's face. "You might get hurt with one of them. And besides it's against the rules of the gun-bearers' organization." That night we camped in a clearing near some of the big trees. I was looking for a match to light my cigar when one of the natives came up with a cigarette lighter. "Where did you get that symbol of modern civilization?" I asked. "For fifty coupons from 'Heeties Hair Oil' and a letter telling them why I like the product," was the simple explanation.

The next night I got a terrible scare. There I was dozing gently off in dreamland on my comfortable cot, when I felt something touch my arm. My eyes opened slowly and behold—a long cobra was gazing at me. I knew the end was at hand. In fiction, the hero always has a gun handy. But my gun-bearers were tight asleep in their own tents. My last thoughts were about Edna when McPherson walked in. The frozen horror on my face told my story. He took a good look at the cobra, went over to it, petted it twice and remarked, "Been looking all over for you Mary." Then as an after-thought he said to me, "Don't worry, Joe,

this thing is tame. Been with me for two years. Merely wanted to meet you."

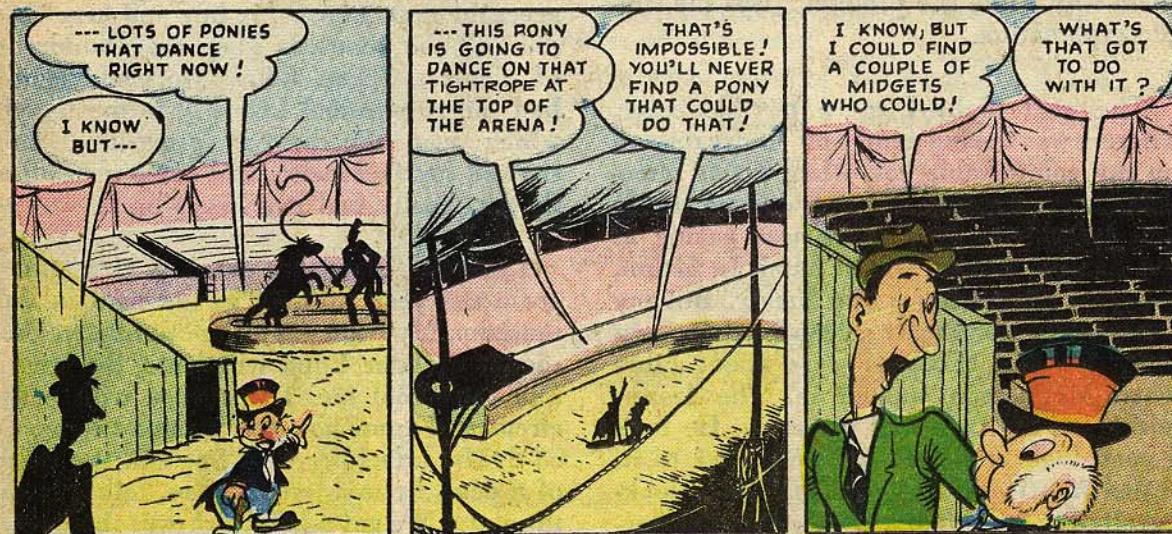
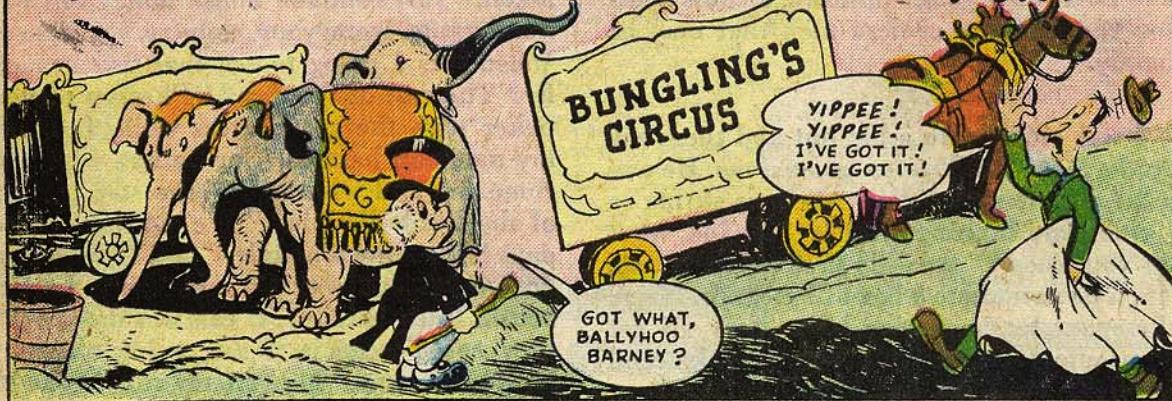
Three days later, thousands of flies began to swarm around my head. "Ltze Flies?" I asked. "Just common house flies. Probably immigrants from your country." I sighed. When was I going to see that two headed fly? The rest of the day McPherson played poker with the gun-bearers while I signed my name on baseballs for natives who had come far and wide to see the star pitcher of the Leadville Nine. "We got three more days left on the schedule," said McPherson. So we cut our way through dense under-brush. It was terrible. If this was the jungle, they could keep it. I saw a big elephant headed our way. "My gun, my gun," I shouted. "Shut up, you fool," said my guide. "You'll scare the poor animal. And anyway you haven't got an elephant shooting permit."

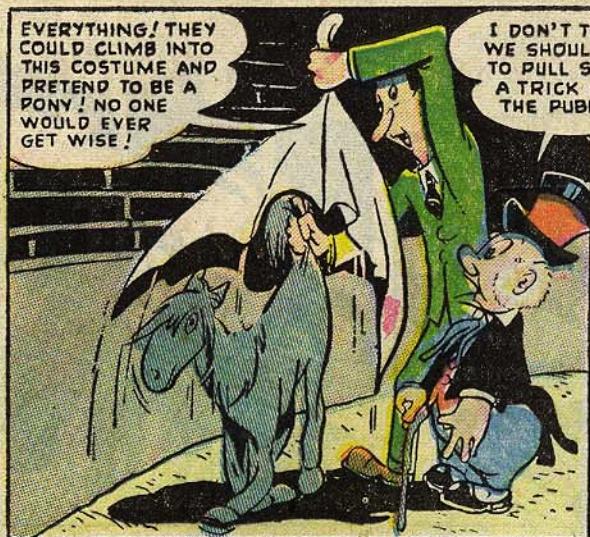
Back we landed at Zomanga. My plane was waiting there and I saw animals coming out from another plane. "We buy old animals from the circus in America, let them roam loose in the jungle for atmosphere," said McPherson. Was I glad to get back into that plane and head for the good old U. S. I had been warned not to shave off my beard, because it would look good in pictures.

At La Guardia Field, Edna was there to greet me first. I got a big hug and kiss. "He did it," she shouted. They took hundreds of pictures. Seems Edna informed them I had the two-headed Ltze Fly in my beard, which was the proper procedure. She stroked my face twice, and came up with a fly that really had two heads on it.

I married Edna that evening. Her father got a ten year contract as top man in the museum. My team got all the publicity. But sooner or later Edna will learn the truth. She can't fool me. I was once with a fly circus and know how you make a two headed-fly, by attaching with fine silk the head of a dead fly to a live fly. Yes, folks, that's the story. We got a baby girl over the house and her name? It's Ltze Congo Blake!

BALLYHOO BARNEY and "The DANCING PONY"

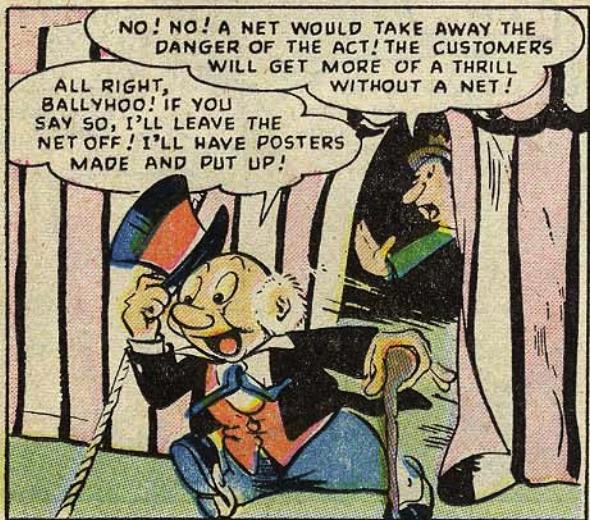




I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO PULL SUCH A TRICK ON THE PUBLIC!

LOOK, MR. BUNGLING, I'M YOUR PRESS AGENT, SO LET ME HANDLE IT! YOU JUST PUT UP SIGNS ANNOUNCING THE DANCING PONY WILL GO ON TONIGHT!

OKAY, BUT FIRST I'VE GOT TO PUT UP A NET UNDER THE TIGHTROPE JUST IN CASE THE PONY,--ER-- I MEAN MIDGETS FALL!



ALL RIGHT, BALLYHOO! IF YOU SAY SO, I'LL LEAVE THE NET OFF! I'LL HAVE POSTERS MADE AND PUT UP!



IT'S VERY SIMPLE! ALL YOU'VE GOT TO DO IS GET INSIDE THIS PONY COSTUME!



OKAY!

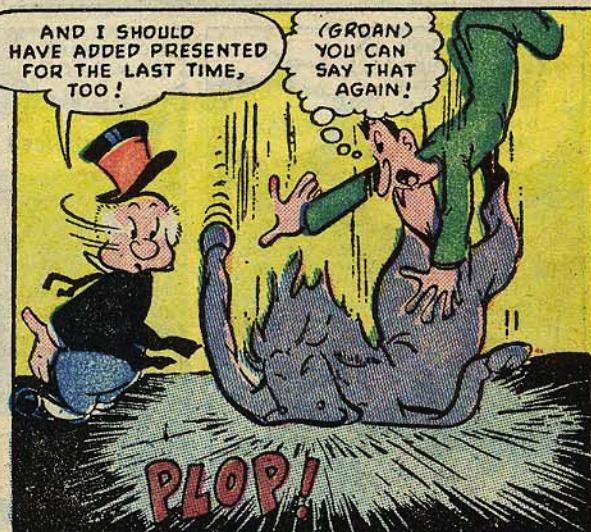
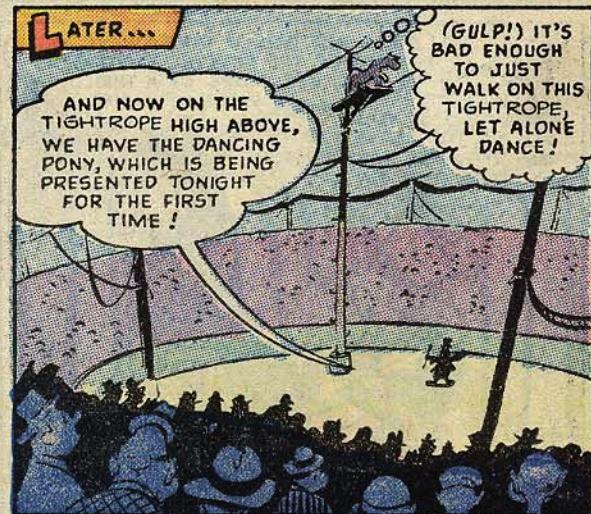


DANCE!



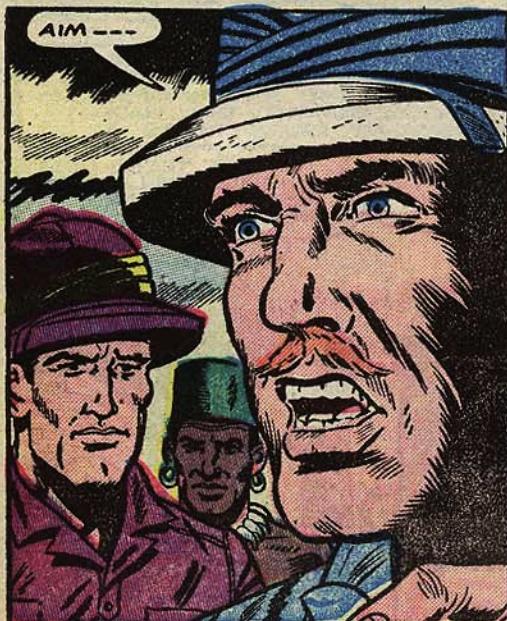
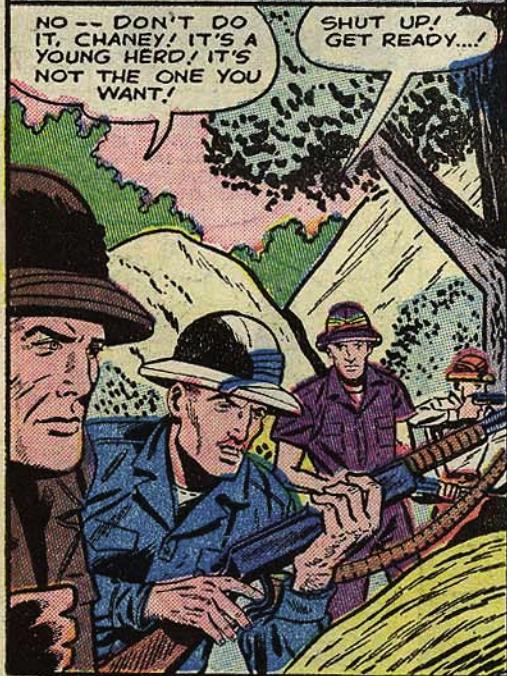
UP THERE!

I QUIT!!!
ME, TOO!!



ELEPHANT TRAIL

THE THUNDER GREW LOUDER AND THE TRUMPETING SWELLER... THE SMALL GROUP OF MEN WATCHED TENSELY, KNOWING EACH SECOND COUNTED... AND IN UNISON THEY RAISED THEIR GUNS TO FIRE.....



WE JUMPED ASIDE HASTILY
WHILE THE HERD STORMED
BY . . .

WHEW! ANOTHER
SECOND AND CHANEY
WOULD HAVE KILLED
US ALL BY HIS GREED!



AND SECONDS LATER . . .

YOU DELIBER-
ATELY SPOILED
MY AIM, CARTER!
YOUR EXPLANA-
TION BETTER BE
GOOD!

I TOLD YOU!
THAT HERD
WASN'T
FOR HUNTER'S
GUNS...THEY
WERE ALL
COWS-- FE-
MALE ELEPHANTS
WITH THEIR
YOUNG! I'M
GUIDE TO
THIS PARTY,
CHANEY...EITHER
YOU OBEY ME --
OR YOU LEAVE!

ALL RIGHT!
NO NEED TO
GET SORE!
CHANAY!
ALL I WANTED
KILL ONE
WAS SOME
FUN!

THIS IS
AFRICA.
CHANAY!
ALL I WANTED
KILL ONE
WAS SOME
FUN!

AND WE'D
HAVE BEEN
DEAD WITHIN
HOURS. I RE-
MEMBER THIS . . .
ELEPHANTS
NEVER FORGET!
THEY'D HAVE
TRAILED US
ALL THROUGH
THE JUNGLE!
BAJANA!!

YES,
SAHIB?

TELL YOUR BOYS
WE'RE SETTING
UP CAMP HERE.
WE'RE IN FOR A
ROUGH HUNT IN
THE MORNING!



WONDER WHAT MAKES MEN SO RUTH-
LESS?/ WHAT FUN DO THEY GET
HUNTING HARMLESS ANIMALS?

I THOUGHT BACK TO MY YOUTH . . . I HAD
ALWAYS LIKED ANIMALS . . . AND SOMEHOW AS
THEIR CARETAKER ON THE ANIMAL RESERVA-
TION FOR THE GOVERNMENT, THEY HAD
SENSED MY FRIENDLINESS . . .



YOU'RE A NATURAL,
CARTER! LOOK HOW
THEY LOVE YOU!

ONE OF THESE DAYS
ANIMALS WILL ALL BE
FREE, JIM! PEOPLE
WON'T HUNT THEM
DOWN!

HOW BIG I TALKED THEN... IF I'D ONLY KNOWN I WOULD TURN HUNTER TOO... BUT THINGS WERE TOUGH IN AFRICA... TO MAKE A LIVING, I CHANGED LIKE THE OTHERS....

WATCH IT NOW! HERE IT COMES!



EXCELLENT! YOU'RE A FIRST RATE MARKSMAN!

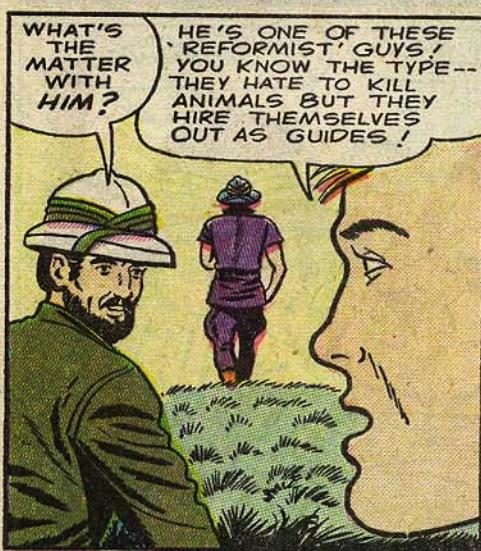
YES! I WISH TO HEAVEN I WASN'T!



WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM?

HE'S ONE OF THESE 'REFORMIST' GUYS! YOU KNOW THE TYPE-- THEY HATE TO KILL ANIMALS BUT THEY HIRE THEMSELVES OUT AS GUIDES!

YES -- THIS WAS MY PROFESSION... AND I HATED IT AND MYSELF BECAUSE OF THE KILLINGS... I COULD TELL YOU STORY AFTER STORY OF HOW ANIMALS REPAY MAN FOR THEIR LOVE AND KINDNESS WHEN IT IS GIVEN.... BUT THE ONE STORY I WOULD LIKE TO TELL IS THIS... NEXT MORNING I FACED MY PARTY...



ALL RIGHT! WE'LL HAVE ONE MORE CHANCE AT THE BIG ANIMAL PACKS... AND I HOPE YOU REMEMBER YESTERDAY!



AN HOUR LATER, BAJANA AND HIS BOYS FOUND THE SPOOR OF A LARGE PACK...

NO BULLS AROUND, CARTER! ALL WE HAVE TO SHOOT ARE COWS!

THEN WE WON'T SHOOT ANY TODAY, CHANEY, WE'LL TRY AGAIN TOMORROW!



TOMORROW! TOMORROW! THAT'S ALL I HEAR! WHEN WE GET BACK TO NAIROBI, I'M GOING TO REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ABOUT YOUR TYRANNICAL CONDUCT!

AS YOU WISH! BUT STAY AWAY FROM THOSE COWS!



I HAD SEEN ALL KINDS OF AMATEUR HUNTERS... BUT CHANEY AND HIS BUNCH WERE TYPICAL. RICH, BORED, AND COMPLETELY IGNORANT OF THE LAWS OF THE WILD... THAT NIGHT IN CAMP....

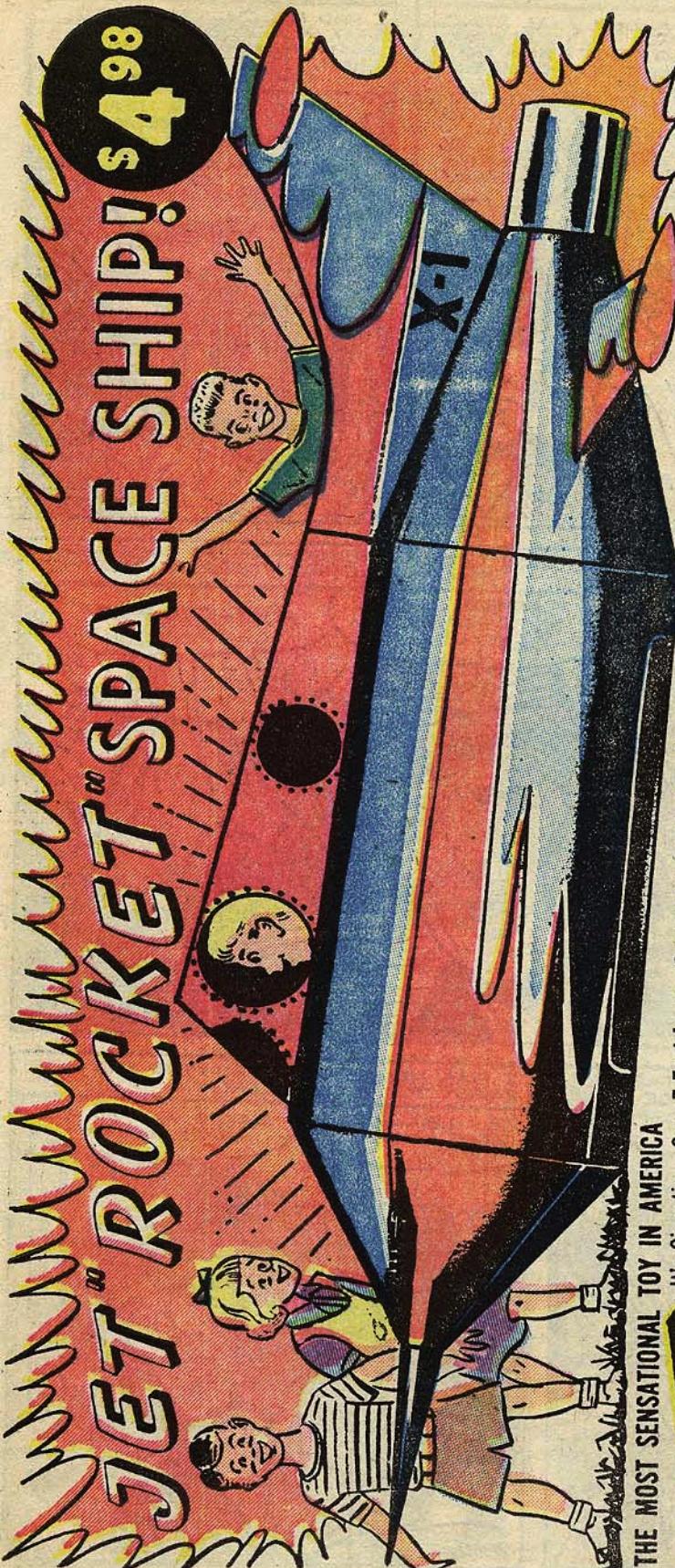
SAHIB-- WHITE MASTER GONE! HE TAKE RIFLE!

WHAT? QUICK--! ROUND UP THE BOYS!

HURRY! HE'S SOME HUNDRED YARDS AWAY!

BANG!





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WEEKS LATER IN NAIROBI,
I FACED THE COMMISSIONER....

THIS WON'T DO AT ALL, JIM! HE'S A KILLER, MR. CHANEY IS COMMISSIONER! HE DOES NOT BELONG IN THE JUNGLE!

I'M AFRAID YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING! I'VE GOT TO CANCEL YOUR LICENSE... IT WILL BE ONLY FOR A YEAR!

ALL RIGHT, BUT HURRY AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT TWO LEGGED BEASTS LIKE CHANEY, COMMISSIONER!

I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO STAY IN NAIROBI... BUT I SOON WAS IN THE JUNGLE AGAIN, THIS TIME HUNTING FOR MINERAL DEPOSITS...

IT'S JUST A YEAR... THEN I CAN MAKE MY LIFE OUT HERE AGAIN!

I HAD SECURED A JOB AS GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR... IT WAS TOUGH WORK, BUT IT WAS HONEST....

MORE TO THE LEFT, BAJANA --- THAT'S IT! RIGHT THERE!



THEN ONE AFTERNOON AS WE WORKED IN UNEXPLORED TERRITORY....

SAVAGES --- AND WITH PLANS TO GET US!

AYA-YAAHYA!



THEY'RE TAKING ME ALIVE! AND MOST OF MY BOYS HAVE RUN OFF!



I WAS HELPLESSLY TRUSSSED AND TAKEN TO THEIR VILLAGE....

SAHIB --- WE DIE NOW!

MAYBE, AND MAYBE NOT! EASY!



SUDDENLY--
I SAW A
PORT OPEN
IN THE EN-
CLOSURE
OPPOSITE
US, AND
THEN I
REALIZED
WHY WE HAD
BEEN TAKEN
ALIVE



HERE IT
COMES! IT
SEEMS TO BE
SMELLING
ME!



SLOWLY, SOOTHINGLY-- I TALKED
TO IT AS I WOULD TO A HUMAN...
AND THEN IT WAS REARING HIGH IN
THE AIR, TRUMPETING SHRILLY....

I'VE -- FAILED!



BUT THE EXPECTED BLOW
DIDN'T COME ... INSTEAD--
THE MIGHTY ANIMAL CRASHED
DOWN HARD ON THE WOODEN
STOCKADE, SCATTERING
NATIVES LIKE NINE PINS....



AND THEN IT TROTTED BACK TO ME AND
NUZZLED MY BODY GENTLY WITH IT'S
MASSIVE TRUNK, SWAYING TO AND
FRO EASILY

SAHIB--BEHOLD
THESE WORTHLESS
ONES! THEY THROW
THEMSELVES AT OUR
FEET FOR MERCY!

NOW I UNDER-
STAND! THE SMALL
CALF ELEPHANT A
YEAR AGO! YOU'RE
THE ONE! YOU
REMEMBERED
ME!



WE ESCAPED THE VILLAGE EASILY...
AFTER ALL, WE WERE INVINCIBLE
BEINGS TO THEM... BUT I NEVER FOR-
GOT MY CLOSE SHAVE WITH DEATH... I
STARTED LEGISLATION MONTHS LATER
AND ONE DAY YEARS AFTERWARDS, I
GOT MY WISH

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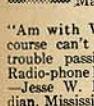
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